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FORMER SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY SUPERVISOR CONVICTED OF THEFT AND MISUSE OF CITY COMPUTERS

Gutierrez Attempted to Sell Criminal Case Evidence on the Internet

San Diego, CA: A former property supervisor employed with the San Diego Police Department pleaded guilty to two counts of theft and one count of misusing a City computer. Gabriel Gutierrez, 43, was sentenced today and ordered to serve 180 days in custody stayed upon successful completion of thirty days of Public Work Service, pay a fine of \$ 1,000, and pay a restitution fine of \$200.

The case was prosecuted by the San Diego City Attorney's Office after the San Diego Police Department determined that the property supervisor was removing evidence slated for destruction and listing the former evidence for sale on the internet. The City Attorney filed the matter after the District Attorney's Office declined to prosecute. In this case, Gutierrez had removed two knives, a Ka-Bar knife and a horsehead dagger, from property boxes intended to be destroyed. Once cases are concluded, the Police department routinely sends out knives and other weapons seized in criminal cases to be destroyed. The two knives in question were from older, closed files. Gutierrez is no longer employed by the San Diego Police Department.

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